

(2) The granting of probation before judgment to a licensee or employee of the licensee for violating subsection (a) of this section does not bar the Board of License Commissioners from proceeding administratively against the licensee for the violation.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1998.

Approved May 21, 1998.

CHAPTER 594

(Senate Bill 256)

AN ACT concerning

Mass Transit Administration — Light Rail St. Mary's County Mass Transit Administration — Future Extension of Mass Transit Systems to St. Mary's County

FOR the purpose of requiring the ~~Mass Transit Administration to study a long term future light rail extension between certain locations in St. Mary's and Charles Counties; requiring the study to include an identification of the property needed for the light rail line, an identification of the ownership of the property, an estimate of certain costs, an examination of certain alternatives, and a determination of the feasibility of using an existing railroad for a portion of the future extension; prohibiting the expenditure of funds from the Transportation Trust Fund or any other State source for certain purposes until the Administration has completed the study under this Act and reported its findings to certain committees of the General Assembly for review and comment; requiring the Administration to consult certain agencies; defining a certain term; requiring the Administration to report to the Governor, Secretary of Transportation, and the General Assembly before a certain date; providing for the construction of this Act; and generally relating to the study of a future light rail extension. requiring the Board of Commissioners of St. Mary's County to ensure that a certain right of way owned by St. Mary's County is preserved for future use by the State for certain purposes; requiring the County Commissioners to attempt to acquire certain rights of way under certain circumstances; prohibiting the County Commissioners from encumbering a certain right of way under certain circumstances; requiring the County Commissioners to attempt to eliminate certain existing encumbrances on a certain right of way; defining certain terms; requiring the Department of Transportation to study the feasibility of preserving and acquiring rights-of-way for a future mass transit extension to St. Mary's County and to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by a certain date; requiring the Department to study and report on certain matters; providing for the effective date of this Act; providing for the abrogation of this Act; and generally relating to future extension of mass transit systems.~~